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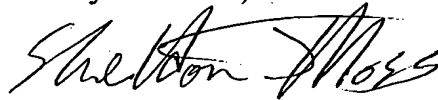
**REMARKS**

Claims 1-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Takahashi, et al. (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0232902). A certified translation of Applicants' Japanese priority document (Japanese Patent Application No. 2002-214237), which antedates the 102(e) date of Takahashi, et al., is herewith submitted.

Claims 1-20 are fully supported by the disclosure of the priority document. Specifically, independent claim 1 is supported by claim 1 and the description in paragraph [0023]-[0024] of the Japanese priority document. Independent claim 18 is supported by claim 3 and the description in paragraph [0023]-[0024].

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that all of the claims currently pending in the application are in condition for allowance. Early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

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